GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ANTI TERRORISM CELL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Anti-Terrorist Cell is not equipped enough to deal with tech-savvy terrorists;

(b) whether it suffers from lack of trained personnel, is understaffed and more importantly, lacks a counter-intelligence system;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): It is not clear as to which State Anti-Terrorist Cell is being referred to. However, it is stated that the State and Central Security and intelligence agencies have been working in coordination with each other to neutralize the current and emerging threats from terrorist elements. The Government's continuous endeavour has been to upgrade the skills and technical capabilities of these agencies to effectively meet the challenge posed by terrorism. The Central Government also provides financial and technical assistance to the State Governments for upgrading their State Police Forces and Special Branches to deal with terrorists and the new techniques being used by them.